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1. IN CONTINUATION OF RECENT EXCHANGE SPARKED BY PUBLICATION OF NEW SED PROGRAM (REFTEL), BERLIN GOVERNING MAYOR SCHUETZ RESPONDED VIA PRESS OFFICE STATEMENT FEB 5 TO CRITICAL ARTICLE BY GDR FOREIGN MINISTER FISCHER PUBLISHED IN PRAVDA OF SAME DAY. AS REPORTED IN LOCAL PRESS, FISCHER ARTICLE ASSERTED THAT FRG-GDR BASIC TREATY HAD BURIED ONCE AND FOR ALL "REVANCHIST THEORY" OF SPECIAL CHARACTER OF RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TWO GERMAN STATES AND THAT GDR PURSUED POLICY OF DEVELOPING RELATIONS WITH "WESTERN CAPITALIST STATES", AMONG THEM FRG, IN SPIRIT OF FINAL ACT OF HELSINKI. FISCHER WAS QUOTED AS STATING FURTHER, IN PARAPHRASE OF ARTICLE 7 OF SOVIET-GDR FRIENDSHIP
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TREATY, THAT GDR COULD MAINTAIN AND DEVELOP

CONTACTS WITH WEST BERLIN ONLY IF "IMPORTANT
BASIC REQUIREMENT" WAS OBSERVED, NAMELY THAT WEST
BERLIN WAS NOT CONSTITUENT PART OF FRG AND COULD
NOT IN FUTURE BE GOVERNED BY LATTER. FISCHER'S
REMARKS APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN DIRECTED AT SCHUETZ'
REFERENCE IN JAN 19 PRESS CONFERENCE TO NEED FOR
CONTINUED EFFORTS TOWARDS LONG-RANGE GOAL OF
GERMAN REUNIFICATION AND TO GOVERNING MAYOR'S
REJECTION-- IN COURSE OF LOCAL TV ADDRESS
JAN 17 -- OF PROVISION IN NEW SED PROGRAM
CALLING FOR DEVELOPING RELATIONS BETWEEN WEST
BERLIN AND GDR ON NORMAL INTERSTATE BASIS.

2. IN RESPONDING TO FISCHER ARTICLE, SCHUETZ
CITED PROVISION OF QA REGARDING MAINTENANCE AND
DEVELOPMENT OF BERLIN-FRG TIES AND DECLARED
THAT GDR FOREIGN MINISTER, IN SEEKING TO
CIRCUMSCRIBE THIS CLEAR DEFINITION MADE BY FOUR
POWERS, WAS IN FACT BETRAYING REAL AIM OF CALLING
INTO QUESTION ALIGNMENT OF "FREE PART OF BERLIN"
WITH WEST. GDR, SCHUETZ CONTINUED, HAD LEAST RIGHT
OF ANY TO EVOKE SPIRIT OF HELSINKI. EXTENDING
THANKS OF BERLINERS TO BRITISH DEFENSE MINISTER
MASON FOR CALLING UPON GDR, IN CONTEXT OF INTERVIEW
WITH THE TIMES, TO DEMOLISH BERLIN WALL, GOVERNING
MAYOR DECLARED: "THE GDR FOREIGN MINISTER SHOULD
CEASE ENGAGING IN DIVERSIONARY TACTICS AS
EXEMPLIFIED IN HIS ARTICLE IN TODAY'S PRAVDA.
HE SHOULD, RATHER, COME DIRECTLY TO THE POINT AND
SHOULD STATE CLEARLY WHAT THE GDR INTENDS
TO DO TO REMOVE STEP BY STEP THE WORST OBSTACLE
TO GREATER FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT IN EUROPE, NAMELY
THE WALL BETWEEN THE TWO PARTS OF BERLIN." GEORGE

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